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SUBJECT 1. Launching Sites for Guided Missiles,
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2. City Plan of Leba

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1. About 400 m. to 500 m. northwest of the town of Leba ^{N 54-46,}
E 17-33⁷ there were two launching sites for guided missiles. They
were called German V-2 launching sites but I do not know if this
was correct. I heard from the local inhabitants that these launch-
ing sites were constructed by the Germans in 1943-1944. Approxi-
mately 2,000 workers all of whom were brought from Germany were
engaged in this construction for about six months. No local workers
were used on the construction. I was told also that in 1944 there
were explosions at the sites which caused some damage to the houses
in Leba.
2. Up to 1947 the sites were guarded by the Soviet Army. (From 1945
to 1947 about two Russian Army divisions were stationed in the County
of Lebork and Russian Army units were quartered in almost every
town and village and on estates.) I do not know if the sites had
fallen into Russian hands intact. From what I saw in May 1948 the
sites may have been partially demolished by the Germans, because
there were traces on the concrete and steel construction of explo-
sives having been used. During the winter of 1947-1948 the sites
were not guarded and whatever was left by the Russians was plundered
by the neighboring population looking for valuable metals, cables,
and wire. I know that the Russians removed part of the equipment
from the high tension transformer station which was located within
the area.
3. Since the spring of 1948 the grounds and the area on which the sites
were located have been restricted and guarded by patrols of the
Polish Army or WOP (Military Frontier Guard). Use of the beach
northwest of Leba near the site area was also forbidden. I do not
know, however, whether or not the Polish Army or Navy used or intended
to use those sites for any purpose.

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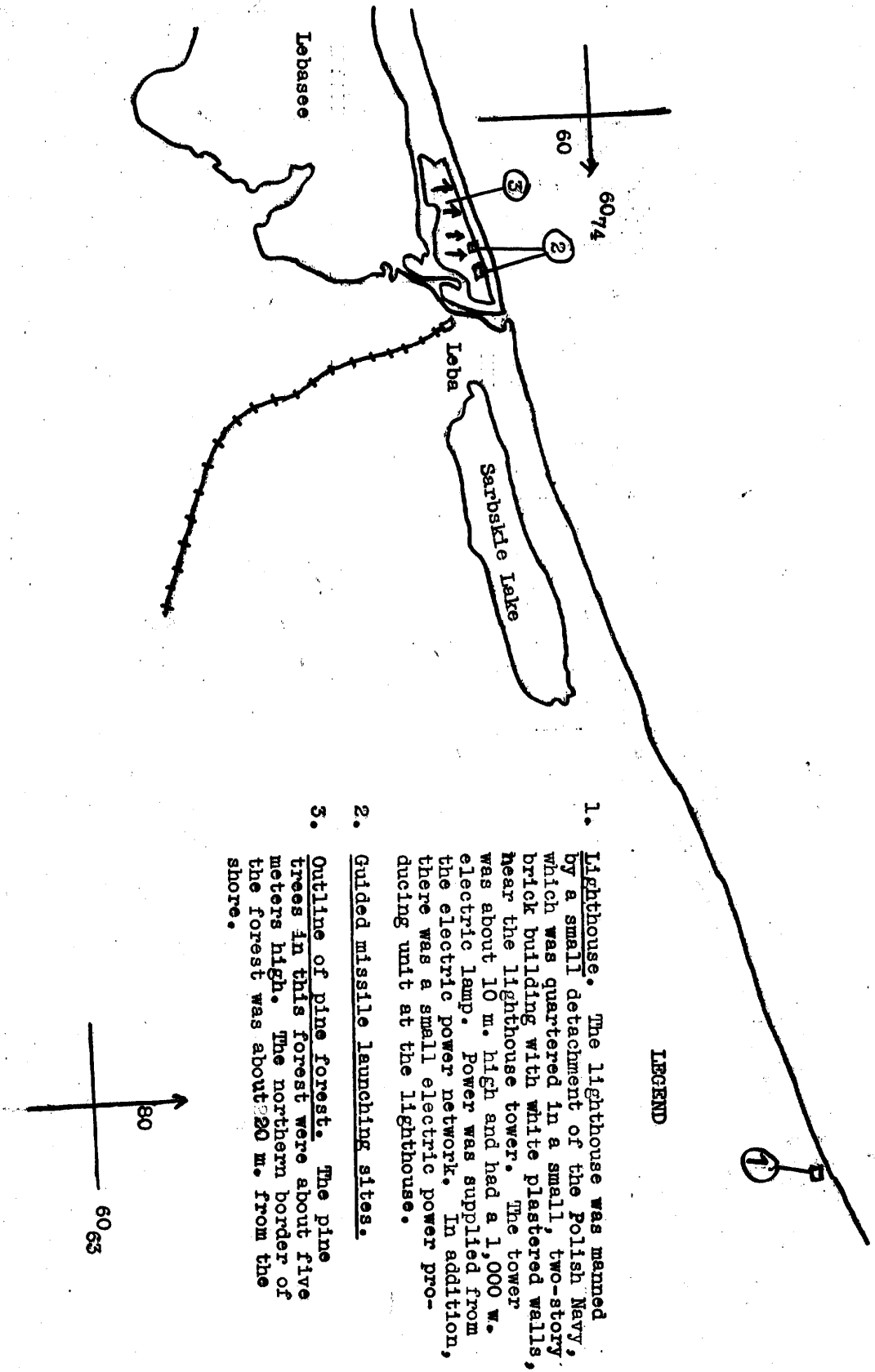
4. There were two different launching sites, which in this description are called No. 1 and No. 2. Both were located in a small pine forest which stretched along the sandy beach. The beach was about 20 m. wide. The sites were not visible from the sea or from any other side, but they were not camouflaged. There was no direct connection between the two sites other than a concrete road which ran parallel to the shore through the woods from Leba to the west. For approximate location, see Annexes A and B.
5. Launching Site No. 1. This site was built on a slope which fell toward the sea and was in the forest about 60 m. from the seashore. See Annex C. It was a simple wooden construction which looked like a slanting platform set at a 45° angle, roughly in a southerly direction. The platform was supported by wooden poles, 15 to 20 cm. in diameter, reinforced by iron cramps and joined like some sort of scaffold. The platform was about 15 m. long and about three meters wide. Two parallel steel rails were set on and extended the full length of the platform.
6. Launching Site No. 2. This site was built on a slope in the same pine forest and was about 200 m. from the shore. It was of concrete and steel construction, partly underground, and was about eight meters high when observed from the south. There were many underground cable conduits and inside the launching site there was an immense quantity of wire and cables of various types, which I would estimate at being about 50 km. long. See Annex D.
7. Leba N 54-46, E 17-33 was a small resort town on the Baltic coast with about 1,500 inhabitants. Most of the houses there were small and were made of brick. The main street was paved with cobblestones; all other streets had a hard dirt surface. A sandy beach, about 30 m. wide, extended along the coast; the depth of the water there was about one to two meters.

Annexes:

- A. Installation along the Baltic Coast near Leba, with Legend.
- B. A Memory Sketch of the Town Leba, with Legend.
- C. Launching Site No. 1
- D. Launching Site No. 2

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Annex A. Installations along the Baltic Coast near Leba
Overlay based on map of Poland (1:100,000 Sheet J12
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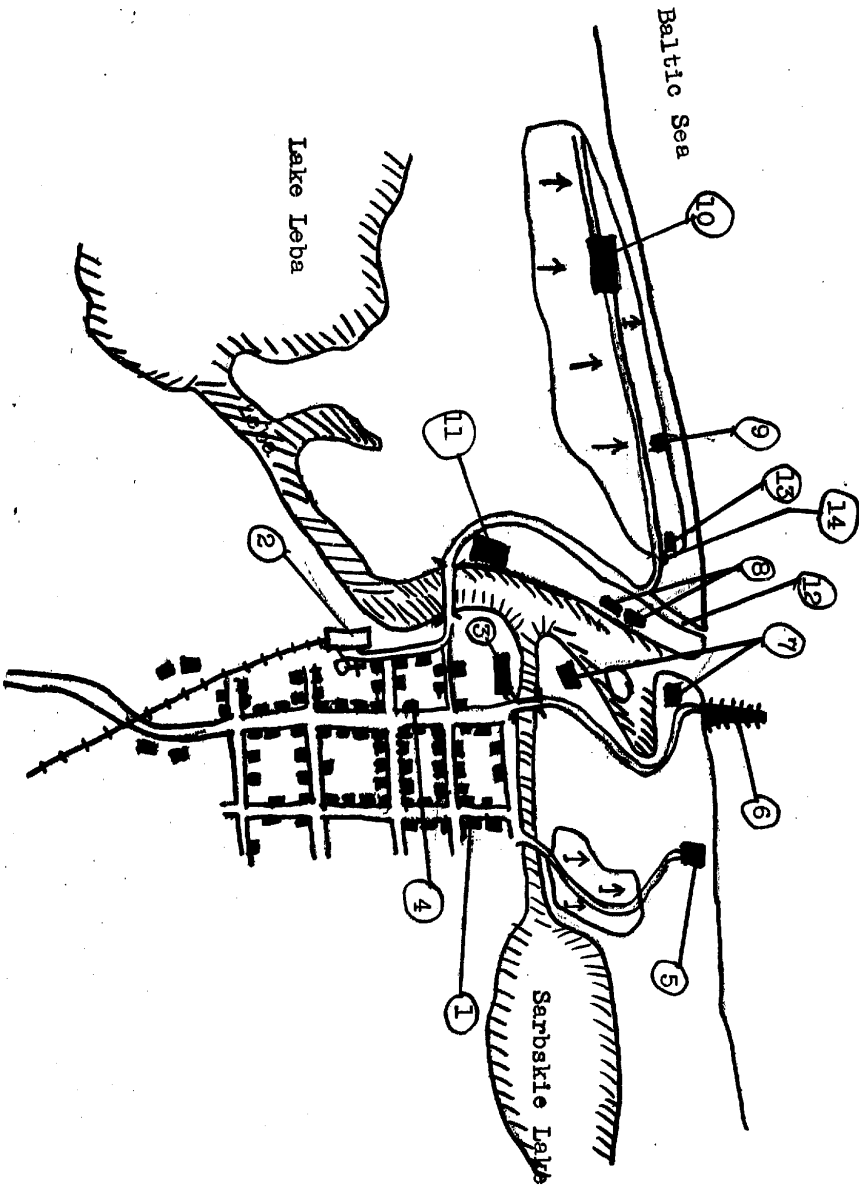


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Annex B. A Memory Sketch of the Plan of the Town Leba/Poland

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Annex B (Cont'd)

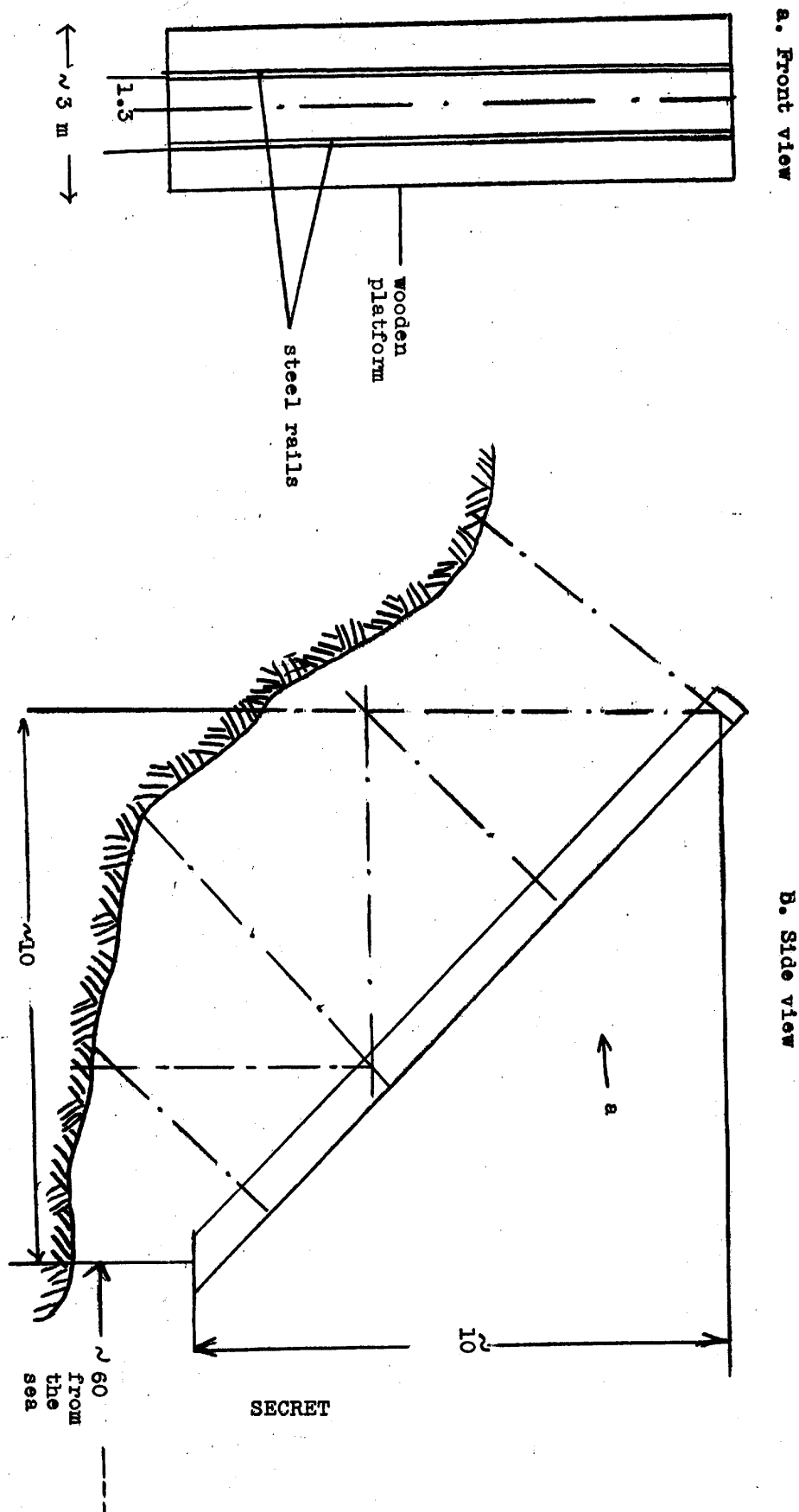
Legend to Annex B A Memory Sketch of the Town Leba N 54-46, E 17-33

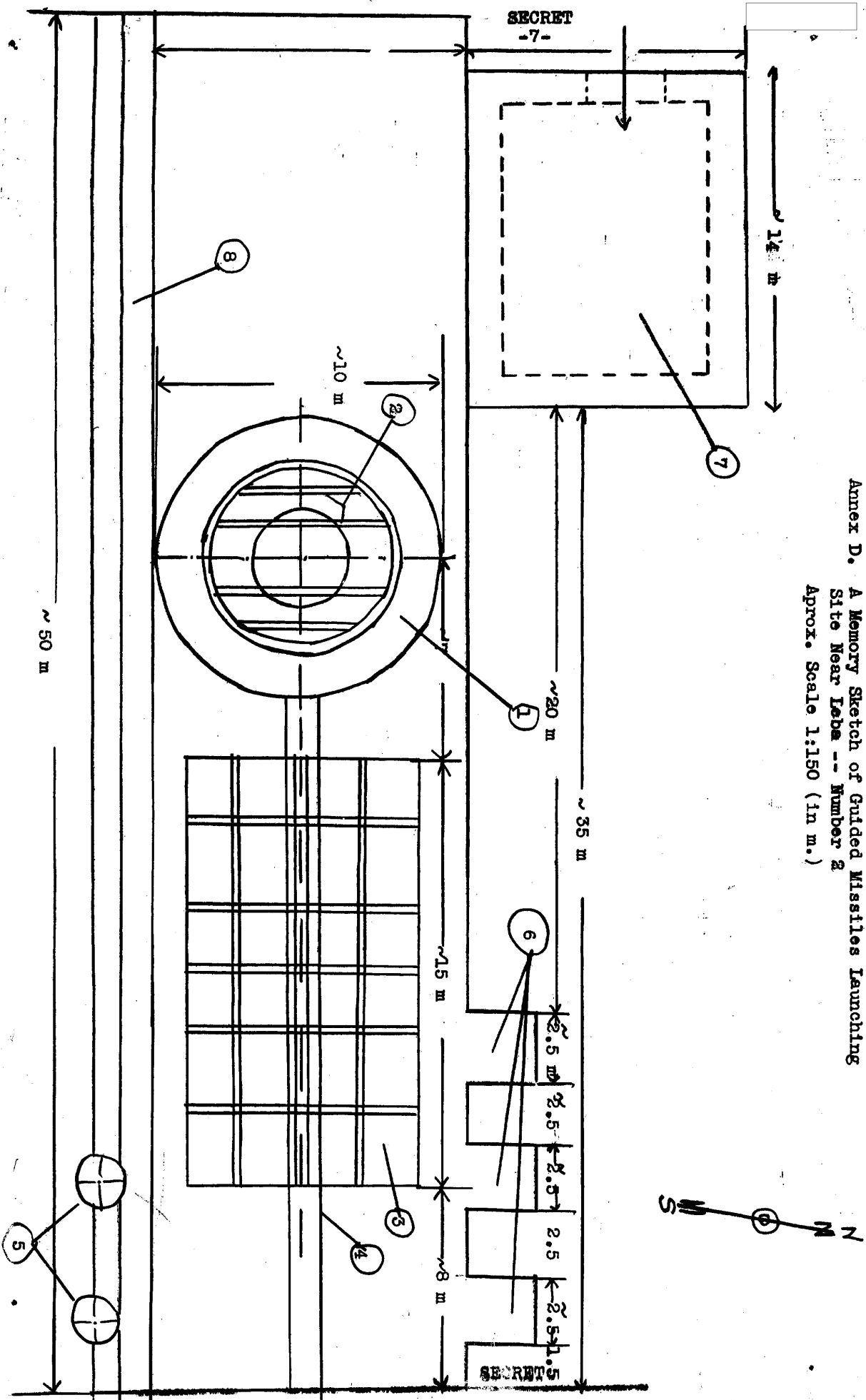
- Point # 1. Headquarters of the Polish Navy unit. The unit occupied in May 1948 two or three brick buildings. The strength of this unit was about one company.
- # 2. Railway station. Two-story brick building with white plastered walls.
- # 3. Fish processing shop. One-story wooden barrack, about 8 x 20 m.
- # 4. Municipal National Council offices. Three-story brick building with white plastered walls.
- # 5. Rest house. A large country house which had been adapted for use as a recreation center. It was said that this was the former property of German Field Marshall Goering.
- # 6. Wooden pier, about 50 m. long, on concrete poles.
- # 7. Barracks occupied by Polish Navy engineering unit. One-story, and
8. wooden barrack-type buildings.
- # 9. Guided Missile Launching Site.
- # 10. Guided Missile Launching Site, of concrete and steel construction; about 30% damaged.
- # 11. Refrigerating plant. Large, three-story, brick building. It was reconstructed and put into operation in 1946-1948. Some of the automatic electric equipment was of U.S. production.
- # 12. Concrete road, about three meters wide which led to the waterfront.
- # 13. Transformer station, 15,000/380/220 V. located in a small, brick building about 2.5 x 3 m., built probably for the V-2 site. It was damaged and certain equipment had been taken away by the Soviets.
- # 14. Small, brick, one-story building about 6 x 8 m. with a cellar. Many underground cables ended in this building. The installations of this building had been plundered and had probably been taken away by the Russians and the local population.

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Annex C. A Memory Sketch of Guided Missiles Launching Site Near Leba --
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Legend to Annex D A Memory Sketch of Guided Missiles Launching Site
near Leba -- Number 27

- Point # 1. Main installation, a hemispherical, very complicated steel structure, partly movable, on a concrete foundation. It looked like a bowl. It was partly damaged. There were visible traces of explosive charges.
- # 2. Inside the hemispherical structure was a kind of steel bed consisting of steel rails.
- # 3. Steel frame roofed structure which looked like an unfinished building or assembly shop.
- # 4. Normal gauge railroad track extending from No. 1 through No. 2 to edge of site.
- # 5. Two concrete bunkers with walls of about 25 cm. thick, each probably accommodating one person.
- # 6. Cable pits. Immense quantity of different cable and wire.
- # 7. Large concrete bunker covered with a concrete plate. The entrance was on the west side with a staircase leading into the bunker.
- # 8. A concrete road, constructed of concrete plates, 2½ x 8 m. in size.

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